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### **INTRASESSIONAL PROCEEDING**

At 10:30 a.m., the Honourable the Deputy Speaker (B. Warr) and the Clerk of the House of Assembly appeared before the Honourable Judy Foote P.C., O.N.L., Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, at Government House.

The Deputy Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed several bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour’s assent.”

The Clerk read the following bills:

A bill, “An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act, 1991” (Bill 44);

A bill, “An Act to Authorize the Raising of Money by Way of Loan by the Province” (Bill 47); and

A bill, “An Act to Amend the Judicature Act” (Bill 53).

The Lieutenant Governor then said, “In Her Majesty’s Name, I assent to these bills.”

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Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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The House met at 1:30 p.m.

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Members' Statements**

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) congratulating the winners of the 2022 Mount Pearl Chamber of Commerce Best in Business Awards.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) congratulating Team Bowling NL on winning the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers Youth Challenge National Championship in Calgary.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) recognizing Joyce Matchem of Bonavista and her volunteer efforts at the Golden Heights Manor long-term care facility.

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) congratulating the students from the district graduating in 2022 as well as the past two years.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) recognizing the Avondale Railway Station Museum as a tourist destination during Come Home Year.

### **Ministerial Statements**

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation (L. Dempster) recognizing the late Jim Lyall, a pioneer of Inuit self-government on the North Coast of Labrador.

The Leader of the Official Opposition (D. Brazil) and the Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (D. Bragg) recognizing Agriculture in the Classroom NL and the program's 10th annual harvest celebrations.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) and the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

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### **Oral Questions**

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

### **Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees**

There were no reports by Standing or Select Committees presented.

### **Tabling of Documents**

The Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (K. L. Howell) tabled:

“Jurisdictional Scan Amendments to Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000 (Bill 58)”

### **Notices of Motion**

The Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (S. Coady) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act, 2000 No. 2” (Bill 63).  
[See correction by Government House Leader, p. 310.]

The Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (D. Bragg) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Forestry Act” (Bill 61).

The Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (J. Abbott) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Child and Youth Advocate Act” (Bill 62).

The Member for St. John’s Centre (J. Dinn) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the science unmistakably tells us that we need a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and a 90% reduction by 2050 in order to avoid ruinous climate change;

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**WHEREAS** the Secretary-General of the United Nations recently noted that “addiction to fossil fuels is mutually assured destruction” and that “the world is sleepwalking to climate catastrophe;”

**WHEREAS** the effects of climate change are already harming the people of this province according to the final report of the Health Accord, through more frequent and destructive weather events, disappearing sea ice in Labrador, or through toxic pollution;

**WHEREAS** any new development of offshore oil and gas extraction is incompatible with keeping our international commitments, meeting our obligations to future generations, and averting global disaster;

**WHEREAS** the major economic transformations of the past were carried out without consideration for workers in phased-out industries;

**WHEREAS** former Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney stated in the fall of 2021 that the green transition is “the greatest commercial opportunity of our age,” and estimates from Stanford University predict the creation of one to three million new jobs in Canada as we transition towards safe and renewable energy;

**WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador stands to gain by entering early in the green technology sector, since we are blessed with some of the strongest renewable energy resources in North America, a rapidly growing technology sector, world-class education and research facilities, and opportunities to gain federal funding for building this industry;

**WHEREAS** our workers in the oil and gas sector already have the skills and know-how needed to build the new green industries and are therefore well placed to take advantage of this unique opportunity;

**WHEREAS** a 2021 survey conducted by The Atlantic Quarterly found that more than four out of five Nova Scotians and Newfoundlanders and Labradorians not only wanted a transition to renewable and efficient energy, but also support for affected workers;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this government prepare for the coming decline of the fossil fuel industry and make sure that affected workers themselves become leaders of the change by introducing Just Transition legislation in this House, ensuring high-quality, union jobs, guaranteeing workers who want to enter the new industries receive the supports they need to do so, and ensuring local communities are the primary beneficiaries of the green transformation;

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this government recognize the gravity of the climate emergency by introducing a Climate and Energy bill in this House that stipulates a planned phase-out of the oil and gas industry, sets clear targets so that by 2050, 85% or more of total energy consumption in this province is clean energy, guarantees that all renewable energy production, distribution, and service remain in public hands, and commits to positioning our economy, research centres, and businesses to benefit from provincial, national, and international efforts to create new renewable energy resources in wind, hydro, and solar;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House urge the government to establish a new statutory Office of Climate Accountability with a Climate Accountability Officer, whose mandate would be to guide policy and targets, work with industry to help advance low-carbon industry and infrastructure, and review, audit, and report to this House annually on government, business, and economy-wide progress on legislated reductions of greenhouse gas pollution of 45% by 2030 and 90% by 2050.

Pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), the Third Party House Leader (J. Brown), announced the resolution introduced by the Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) will be the one presented on Wednesday, May 18.

The Government House Leader (S. Crocker) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** section 4 of the *Seniors Advocate Act* provides that on resolution of the House of Assembly, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint a Seniors' Advocate;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Susan Walsh be appointed as the Seniors' Advocate.

The Government House Leader (S. Crocker) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** subsection 6(3) of the Independent Appointments Commission Act provides that members of the Independent Appointments Commission are to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on a resolution of the House of Assembly;

**AND WHEREAS** subsection 7(1) of the Act states that a commissioner may be reappointed;

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**AND WHEREAS** the appointment of the following commissioners expires on June 22, 2022:

Peggy Bartlett  
Gerald Anderson

**AND WHEREAS** it is proposed that the said commissioners be reappointed as commissioners for a term of 3 years from the date of the expiry of their terms;

**AND WHEREAS** the appointment of Philip R. Earle expires on May 24, 2022 and is not eligible for reappointment;

**AND WHEREAS** the chairperson, Earl Ludlow, has resigned as chairperson and as a commissioner;

**AND WHEREAS** subsection 6(4) of the Act provides that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council designate one of the members of the commission to be chairperson;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the following persons be appointed or reappointed as members of the Independent Appointments Commission for a term of 3 years:

Karen McCarthy, Chairperson  
William Mahoney  
Brendan Mitchell  
Jamie Schwartz  
Peggy Bartlett  
Gerald Anderson

The Government House Leader (S. Crocker) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following motion:

**THAT**, notwithstanding Standing Order 9, this House shall not adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 but shall continue to sit to conduct government business and, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall adjourn the House at midnight.

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Government House Leader (S. Crocker) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 19.

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### **Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given**

There were no answers to questions for which notice had been given.

### **Petitions**

The following Member presented a petition:

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) regarding the reduced timber lot size for domestic cutting use in the White Bay South area.

The Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (D. Bragg) replied to the petition.

### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The Deputy Speaker (B. Warr) called orders of the day.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) informed the House a Message had been received from the Lieutenant Governor. The Message was read to the House by the Deputy Speaker, as follows:

“9 May, 2022

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2023, by way of further Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. Judy M. Foote  
Lieutenant Governor”.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider the Message together with a resolution and a related bill entitled “An Act for Granting to Her Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2023 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service” (Bill 49) for the granting of supply to Her Majesty.

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The Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees (P. Trimper) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees (P. Trimper) reported the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report they had passed the amount of \$7,974,380,800 contained in the estimates of supply for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and had adopted a certain resolution and recommended that a related bill entitled "An Act for Granting to Her Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2023 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill 49) be introduced to give effect to the resolution.

The Deputy Speaker put the question and it was ordered the report be received and adopted.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the following resolution was read the first and second time:

**THAT** it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2023 the sum of \$5,219,818,600.

The Deputy Speaker put the question on the resolution and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act for Granting to Her Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2023 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill 49) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

The Government House Leader (S. Crocker) requested leave of the House to correct the notice given on Bill 63 by way of correcting an error in the title.

Leave was granted.



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By leave, the Government House Leader (S. Crocker) gave notice on behalf of the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (S. Coady) they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act, No. 5” (Bill 63).

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 17 at 3:00 p.m.

**Sandra Barnes,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.